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TOPIC Volkspolizei Dienststelle in Muehlhausen

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1. Prior to March 1951, the newly activated Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) in Muehlhausen (M 52/M 89) was quartered in the Goermar Kaserne, in the hutment on the northern edge of the town, and, allegedly, in the barracks installation in Langensalza which, at that time, was guarded by a detail of the VPD in Gotha.

2. The VPD had about 1,400 police and was organized into a headquarters, 2 infantry Kommandos, and several Sonderabteilungen. *

3. The unit was equipped with several T-34 tanks, several Soviet mountain guns, an undetermined number of medium and heavy Soviet mortars, 76.2 and 37-mm AT guns, and infantry arms. It was said that the unit would eventually be equipped with 27 tanks and 27 guns.

4. The new training period of the VPD started on 2 January 1951 and was scheduled to end on 15 October 1951. Training was allegedly conducted on the basis of a new training schedule issued by the central school in Krasnitovsk. This schedule, among other subjects, provides for defense exercises based on a system of three trenches, and emphasized close-combat training. ***

5. Officers of the VPD included VP Kommandeur Weiss, (fnu), commanding officer, a graduate from the Moscow central school; VP Kommandeur Scholtze, (fnu), PK officer; VP Rat Schwenke, (fnu), operations officer, an ex-lieutenant; and VP Oberkommissar Meier, (fnu), director of training, an ex-sergeant.

* Comment. Though no previous information is available on the organization of VPD 1239 in Muehlhausen, it is probable that this VPD, like the others, is organized into 3 infantry Kommandos, 1 artillery Kommando, and 7 Sonderabteilungen.

** Comment. The eventual issue of 27 tanks and 27 guns does not seem credible. It is believed that the 7th Sonderabteilung armed is authorized 10 tanks, and the artillery Kommando 12 guns.

*** Comment. A town of the name Krasnitovsk is unknown. It may be a borough of Moscow or Saratov, since several reports mentioned courses for VP officers being conducted in those two cities.

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